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## Timely Tidbits ...

### St. Aloysius Festival

The 52nd Annual St. Aloysius Festival begins today and continues through Sunday, August 25. For more information, including a summary of the festival's special events, see pages 8 and 9.

### "Kindergarten Open House" at Halecreek

Halecreek kindergartners and their parents are invited to stop by at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 27, for a chance to explore classrooms and meet the principal, teachers, nurse, social worker, Parent Booster Club chairperson, and other staff members who attend to the needs of families at the school.

"The opportunity to visit their classrooms and meet their teachers often helps ease the anxieties that children sometimes feel as they begin their school years," Principal Sharon Silveri explained.

Parents who attend will see how they can play an active role in their child's educational journey.

"At Halecreek, parents are needed, wanted, and expected to be involved in the educational development of their children," said Silveri. "Research has shown that the more parents are involved in a positive way in the school environment and home follow-up activities, the better the schools become."

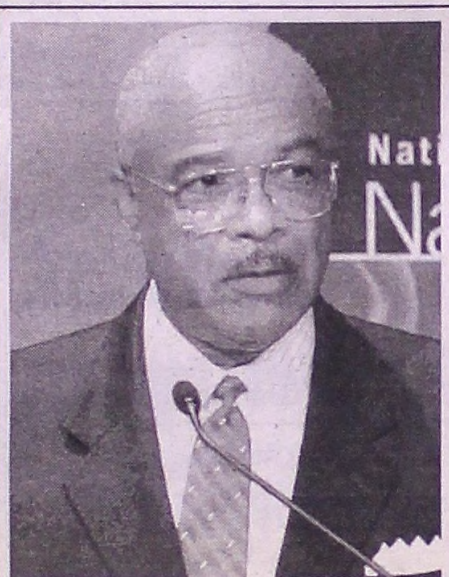
### District Keeps Its Promise to Voters

Joel R. Carr, Superintendent of Romulus Community Schools, said he is proud that the district has already acted to keep its recent promise to voters.

"We said that we would lower the district's homestead property tax by 2 mills if Wayne County's 1.5-mill special education millage passed in the August 6 primary," Carr explained. "The proposal did pass, so our board of education lowered the district's homestead tax at its next [August 12] meeting."

Carr added, "We are happy to return the previous extra fees that the district had to pay for special education." □

## Rod Paige, U.S. Secretary of Education, Praises Romulus Community Schools



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Rod Paige, U.S. Secretary of Education, praised the Romulus Community Schools in a recent issue of *District Administration* magazine. Paige used Romulus and the school district in York County, Virginia, as "lighthouse" examples of how to integrate technology into a curriculum to increase test scores.

The magazine article, titled "Self-Examination," cited Romulus students' significant improvement on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) science test – with fifth-graders showing 47% proficiency in 2001, compared to only 31% in 1998 – and also noted the fact that the district's 2001 score surpassed the state average by 6%. Much of this success was attributed

to the embodiment of technology in the district's integrated curriculum.

Pat Adams, K-6 Science Coordinator for the Romulus Community Schools, was one of the district spokespersons quoted in the article. She explained that, when district personnel constructed a new science curriculum in the summer of 1998, they emphasized the incorporation of math and language arts, as well as the creation of lessons that were more "inquiry/science-kit" driven, rather than oriented solely around a textbook approach to teaching. They also implemented Compass Learning software and aligned it with the district curriculum in order to help students improve their grasp of scientific concepts. For example, students studying butterflies can enhance their understanding by taking digital pictures of the colorful insects, then creating slide shows and writing about them.

"We took our curriculum and asked, How do we get kids to improve?" said Adams.

She further noted the importance of each teacher's role in implementing the various layers of the curriculum, as well as how the district supports their efforts.

"We provide some professional development and pick the support materials that help teachers. All of our teachers are trained in cooperative learning and mastery learning," she added.

Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum for the Romulus Community Schools, was also quoted in the *District Adminis-*

*tration* article. He explained that a big part of the district's curriculum was devised by four content administrators who worked with teams of teachers to align the district's goals with state benchmarks at each grade level.

"Not all schools do that," he added, "because it takes a tremendous amount of energy."

The overall process of integrating technology into the carefully designed curriculum "allows teachers to individualize and enrich the education in each classroom," Dolan said, thereby providing better educational opportunities for district students.

With Romulus's success story being borne out by data from recent studies supporting the idea that appropriate use of technology increases student achievement, it's not surprising that the new "Elementary and Secondary Education Act: No Child Left Behind" law provides for an annual nationwide budget of \$700 million for educational technology, with an additional \$237.5 million for training teachers in its use.

"We as Americans need to elevate our educational performance," Secretary Paige told *District Administration*. Believing that efficient use of technological equipment is as important as acquiring it in the first place, he added, "We need a big focus on teacher training, administrator training. [In] my own district in Houston [where he once served as the superintendent], computers are looking like trophies" rather than being used. □

## Romulus Schools Welcome 17 New Teachers

The Romulus Community Schools welcomed 17 new teachers at a special orientation session held at the district's administrative office on August 12. Local education leaders greeted the group and extended their best wishes for successful, rewarding careers in Romulus.

Among the dignitaries at the event were Board of Education President Billy McCraight, Vice-president Betty Lenosi, Secretary Cheryle Buckley, Superintendent Joel R. Carr, Human Resources Director Ed Clark, Business and Operations Director William Routhier, Curriculum Director Tom Dolan, Romulus High School Assistant Principal Doug Hoffman, District Science Specialist Patricia

Adams, and Romulus Education Association President Jason Salhaney.

The orientation program was kicked off with a rousing reception by the district's now-famous "Fishettes," who broke the ice with their usual song, dance, and recognition presentation. The "Fishettes" – including executive secretaries Carole Bales, Robin Orme, Louise Briody, Lorraine Wilkerson, Ellen Bragg, and Connie Knight, as well as guest Anna Bossidis – used their presentation to emphasize the theme "Work that's fun is work that gets done."

The administrative office staff then held meetings in the areas of business, personnel, and curriculum.

Lunch featured a welcome by Board President McCraight and REA President Salhaney. The meal was followed by a one-hour bus tour that showed off the district's new educational facilities as well as several local neighborhoods.

The orientation program concluded with an REA presentation and a question-and-answer session with a panel made up of six teachers with two to four years' experience in the district.

Human Resources Director Ed Clark was impressed by the teachers' enthusiasm and professional approach. "We're looking forward to major contributions from this outstanding group," he stated.

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## Letter to the Editor

### Mayor Says Plans Will Improve Safety

To the Editor:

In the August 15, 2002 edition of *The Romulus Roman*, a front-page article written by Ms. Brenda Gracin and titled "Despite PD cutbacks, new public safety department created" gave a narrow and, on many levels, inaccurate assessment of the city's plans to restructure the Romulus Police Department so that an expanded and improved Romulus Fire Department can be funded. I found the article a disappointing assessment of our actual plans and actions. It was, in fact, more accusatory in tone than supportive of our proactive efforts to improve vital community services.

One of the more disappointing aspects of this article was the quote attributed to Judge Brian Oakley in which he gave his personal assessment of our plans. In the article, Judge Oakley is quoted as saying, "I can't see how they are thinking. ... Our officers are busy overseeing the safety of the community; cutting them and hiring additional firefighters who may not be used doesn't make sense."

If Judge Oakley did in fact say this, then I must agree with him that he can't fully understand the reasoning of our actions and plans; he has not, on any level, been involved with the painstaking process that the forward-thinking members of the Romulus City Council and myself have gone through to create an action plan that will restructure the police department *without layoffs* while providing the city with funds to create a much-needed, expanded fire department complete with full-time emergency medical services and state-of-the-art lifesaving equipment.

I also agree with Judge Oakley on this point of his quote: "Our officers are busy overseeing the safety of the community ..." Romulus police officers will continue to do so *without* a reduction of on-the-street manpower. Once and hopefully for all, it should be clearly, concisely, and singularly understood that the term "restructuring" is not poorly veiled code for layoffs, cutbacks, or firings of the police officers who patrol our streets and guard the public safety. The single component of the police department restructuring is a retirement package that executive officers are free to accept or decline. No order, mandate, or dictate has ever come down from my office or City Council demanding layoffs or firings of any Romulus police officers.

As to Judge Oakley's assessment that we are "hiring additional firefighters who may not be used," I would advise this good, decent, and fair man to take a driving tour around our city. Even as the

national and local economies struggle, Romulus is experiencing unprecedented growth. It is the belief of this administration and City Council that our longtime citizens deserve vastly improved fire and EMS response times. It is also our belief that those who are choosing any one of Romulus's five new residential developments as their home demand no less than the peace of mind that comes from knowing that their homes and families are protected by a full-service fire and EMS department.

It is a generally accepted assumption of any civilized, democratic society that police officers and firefighters "may not be used." In all honesty, that is the hope. Weeks, months, even years may pass before any of us may have a need for a police officer's help or a firefighter's assistance. Then there's that one time. That one early morning home invasion. That electrical socket spark to the carpet at midnight. Or that one mechanically troubled airplane that threatens the safety of a neighborhood. At these times, it's a little late to hire more patrol officers or firefighters. The need in that single moment is immediate and the response must be effective. This is why City Council and I have taken great pains to restructure our police department and plan for an expanded fire department. It is an effort to better serve and protect the present and the future.

Finally, I must take personal exception to the assertion that I made any declarative comment that "officers with 25 years of service were burned out." This statement, attributed to me, appeared in the August 15th article and a previous *Romulus Roman* article. I did, in point of fact, say that officers who had served for 25 years *may* feel burned out. Serving any community as an officer of the law can be a mentally, physically, and spiritually stressful occupation. It takes a near superhuman commitment to want to be an officer of the law. To feel burned out after 25 years of time is, however, only human. Of course, there are many good officers who continue providing exceptional service to the public well after 25 years of doing the job. A local example is our own Police Chief and newly appointed Director of Public Safety, Charles Kirby.

In the future, I hope that this administration and *The Romulus Roman* can work more closely together to assure the accuracy and fairness of news stories that our citizens read.

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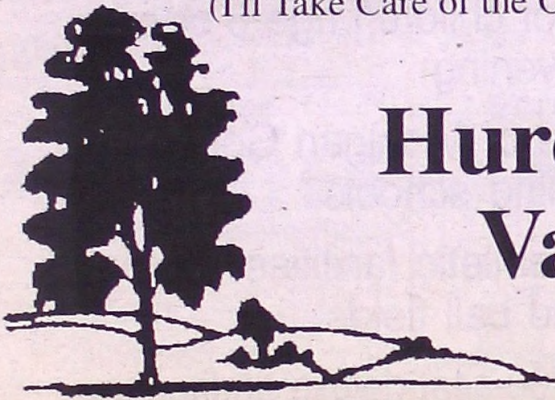


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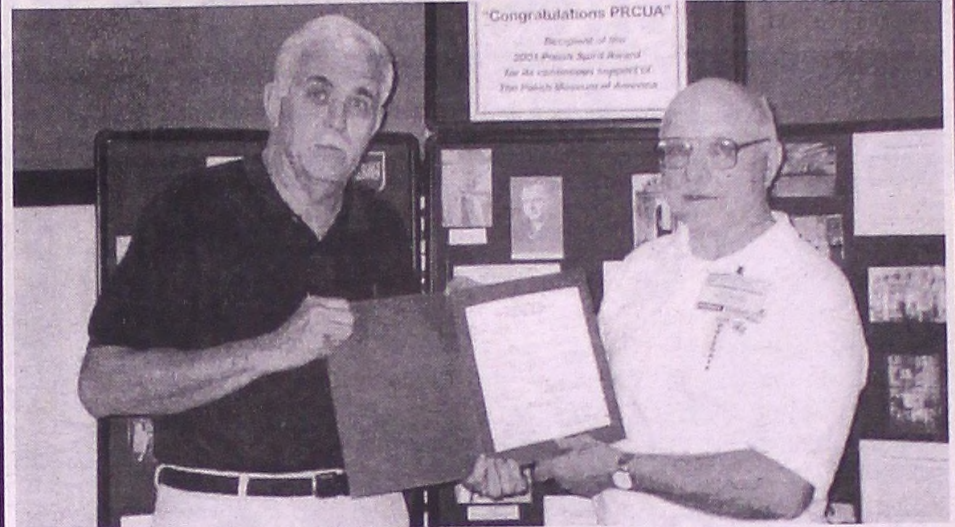
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**Wadsworth Presents Proclamation**



Romulus City Councilman William Wadsworth (left) had the honor of presenting Polish Roman Catholic Union of America President Wallace M. Ozog with a special proclamation and resolution during the recent PRCUA National Quadrennial Convention, held at the Crowne Plaza.

**New Students Get Registered for Fall**



Guidance secretary Linda Youtsey (back) helped new resident Edith Steamhouse (left) register her son Mozella (right) to attend Romulus Middle School this fall, while younger son Armani eagerly looked on.

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## Varsity Cheerleaders Come in Second



RHS Varsity cheerleaders took second place in their division's "Home Dance" category at the UCA camp at U of M. The Varsity squad includes (from left): front row – Novella Haugabook, Jenia Cooper, Danielle Butler, and Myleah Jones; back row – Tiffney Ramsay, Sara Chollette, Vanessa Molloy, Jessica Shelton, and Carolyn Moore. Not pictured: Della Hamby (also made the camp's all-star squad), Lysie Ransaw, and Megan Conway.

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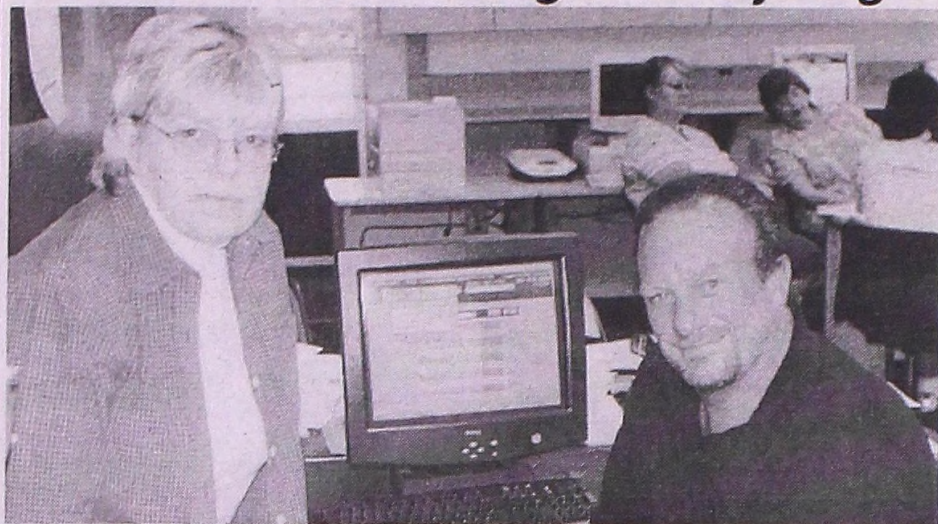
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## School District Welcomes New Teachers

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The new teachers are:

- Amber Ackerman (speech therapist, Romulus High School/Romulus Middle School; graduate of the University of Tennessee)
- Stefanie Carpenter (At-risk Program staff member, RHS; graduate of Western Michigan University)
- Wesley Faulkner (permanent substitute teacher, Merriman; graduate of Eastern Michigan University)
- Karen Frazier (science teacher, Community High School; graduate of EMU)
- Stephen Grunick ("integrated technology" staff member, RHS; graduate of EMU)
- Lee Haselschwerdt (fourth-grade teacher, Wick; graduate of Michigan State University)
- Marva Hopewell Hatcher (vocal music teacher, RHS/RMS; graduate of Spelman College)
- Jennifer Johnson (physical education teacher, RHS; graduate of Central Michigan University)
- Sha Vonna Johnson (fourth-grade teacher, Wick; graduate of EMU)
- Natalie Montague (special education teacher, Barth; graduate of EMU)
- Amanda Napolitano (fifth-grade teacher, Barth; graduate of EMU)
- Nate Oats (math teacher, RHS; graduate of Marantha Baptist College)
- Christie Pagel (social studies teacher, RHS; graduate of EMU)
- Molly Parent (special education teacher, Halecreek; graduate of MSU)
- Angela Siggia (science teacher, RHS; graduate of WMU)
- Karen Terwilliger (second-grade teacher, Merriman; graduate of WMU)
- Stephanie Wiersma (Resource Room staff member, Cory/Merriman; graduate of MSU)

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# New Teachers



New teachers Christie Pagel and Stefanie Carpenter really got into the "Fish!" spirit during a recent orientation program.



"Fishettes" Ellen Bragg and Carole Bales led a rousing version of "God Bless the USA."



Board of Education members (from left) Betty Lenossi (Vice-president), Cheryle Buckley (Secretary), and Billy McCraight (President) enjoyed meeting the new teachers.



August birthday honorees included (from left) Joel Carr (Superintendent), Angela Siggia (RHS science teacher), Robin Ome (executive secretary), Tom Dolan (Curriculum Director), and Louise Briody (executive secretary).



Taking part in the district's orientation program for new teachers were (from left): front row – Jennifer Johnson, Angela Siggia, Molly Parent, Karen Frazier, Sha Vonna Johnson, Stephanie Wiersma, Marva Hopewell Hatcher, Pat Adams (Science Specialist), Tom Dolan (Curriculum Director), Cheryle Buckley (Secretary, Board of Education), and Betty Lenossi (Vice-president, Board of Education); back row – Doug Hoffman (Assistant Principal, Romulus High School), Lee Haselschwerdt, Stefanie Carpenter, Wes Faulkner, Christie Pagel, Stephen Grunick, Amanda Napolitano, Jason Salhaney (President, Romulus Education Association), Amber Ackerman, Nate Oats, Natalie Montague, Ed Clark (Director of Human Resources), and Joel Carr (Superintendent).





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Highlights include:

## Dunk Tank

A number of local politicians and other citizens have good-naturedly agreed to take part in the fun at the festival's dunk tank. A tentative schedule follows:

- Ian Coomer, Youth Group member (Friday, 6 to 7 p.m.)
- Stacey Prater, Youth Minister (Friday, 7 to 8 p.m.)
- John Shelly, Youth Group member (Friday, 8 to 9 p.m.)
- Matt Franklin, Youth Group member (Saturday, 1 to 2 p.m.)
- Alan R. Lambert, Mayor of Romulus (Saturday, 2 to 3 p.m.)
- William Crova, Romulus City Councilman (Saturday, 3 to 4 p.m.)
- Ed Boike, Wayne County Commissioner (Saturday, 4 to 5 p.m.)
- Randy Gear, Romulus City Council Chairman (Saturday, 5 to 6 p.m.)
- Bill Wadsworth, Romulus City Councilman (Saturday, 6 to 7 p.m.)
- Kelly Bunyak, Youth Group member (Saturday, 7 to 8 p.m.)
- Liz Mongrain, Youth Group member (Saturday, 8 to 9 p.m.)
- Angie Sovinski, Youth Group member (Sunday, 1 to 2 p.m.)
- Johanna Sovinski, Youth Group member (Sunday, 2 to 3 p.m.)
- Mike Prybyla, Romulus City Councilman (Sunday, 3 to 4 p.m.)
- LeRoy Burcroff, Romulus City Councilman (Sunday, 4 to 5 p.m.)
- JoAnn Prater, Romulus Community Schools Transportation Director (Sunday, 5 to 6 p.m.)
- Bill Sovinski, Youth Group Activities Coordinator (Sunday, 6 to 7 p.m.)

Dunk Tank chairperson Julie Wadsworth thanks all the volunteers for being such good sports and helping to raise money for a truly worthy cause.

## Las Vegas Games

The Las Vegas tent offers adults (age 18 and older) a chance to try their luck at the game of blackjack. Betting varies from a minimum of \$1 to a maximum of \$5, with a maximum winnings per person per day of \$500. The tent will be open throughout the festival.

## Bingo!

For diehard bingo fans, a festival just isn't a festival without a chance to indulge in their favorite pastime - and, luckily for them, the St. Aloysius Festival will again feature play throughout the entire weekend. Cards for the 50/50 games (half the income collected from each game is used for prize money) are two for a quarter per game.

## Raffles

Of course, the easiest way to try your luck is to invest in one or two (or three or four or ...) raffle tickets. Ticket-buyers can choose between the 50/50 Hourly Raffle (\$1 tickets; cash prizes of half the money from each hour's sales) or the One-for-\$1/Six-for-\$5 Raffle (three large prizes: \$5,000, \$1,000, and \$500).

Better yet, since the proceeds from all raffles benefit the St. Aloysius General Fund, why not buy plenty of each?

## Carnival Rides

What's a festival without rides? Fortunately, the St. Aloysius Festival will offer enough of them to satisfy your kids' carnival cravings.

## Games/Arcade

Because the St. Aloysius Festival is meant to be a special event enjoyed by the entire community, those who put together the "games and arcade" section of the festival try their best to offer a mixture of attractions for wide appeal. Both the young and the young-at-heart will enjoy "checking out" this year's old favorites and new challenges.

## Entertainment

Music will again be the backbone of the free entertainment at the St. Aloysius Festival. Come out to listen and/or dance to the music of Ed Zelenak (Friday from 7 to 11 p.m.), Pan Franek (Saturday from 2 to 6 p.m.), Channel 6 (Saturday from 7 to 11 p.m.), Duane Malinowski (Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.), and Misty Blues (Sunday from 5 to 9 p.m.).

Other attractions will include a Classic Car Show (Saturday from 1 to 6 p.m.), Magic by Jason Hudy (Saturday from 3 to 5 p.m.), and a performance by the Northern Stars Dance Group (Sunday from 4 to 5 p.m.).

## Crafts/White Elephant Sale

Twenty eight-foot tables will be covered with everything from Christmas gifts to baked goods. It's a great way to get a jump on your holiday shopping!

## Food ...

Of course, there will be plenty of delicious food! Visit the Dining Room on Friday between 5 and 8 p.m. for a Fish Fry and on Saturday from 3 to 7 p.m. for a Steak Fry Feast, then come back on Sunday between noon and 5 p.m. for an old-fashioned Chicken Dinner with all the trimmings.

Tickets for the Fish Fry and Chicken Dinner are \$7 for adults/\$4 for children; Steak Fry tickets are \$8 for all.

For more "traditional" carnival fare, stop by Hamburger Villa for hamburgers, hot dogs, kielbasa, pizza, chips, coffee, pop, and other refreshments.

## ... and Drink

This year's Spirit Tent will serve chips, pretzels, pop, and nonalcoholic "beer" in addition to wine, wine coolers, and beer by the pitcher and the cup.

Of course, you must be at least 21 years old to purchase alcohol. ☐



**RHS Football****VARSITY**

- Romulus at Crestwood (Fri., Aug. 30, 7 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti at Romulus (Fri., Sept. 6, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at River Rouge (Fri., Sept. 13, 7 p.m.)
- Trenton at Romulus (Fri., Sept. 20, 7 p.m.)
- Dearborn at Romulus (Fri., Sept. 27, 7 p.m.)
- **Homecoming Game**  
Lincoln Park at Romulus (Fri., Oct. 4, 7 p.m.; parade begins at 5 p.m.)
- Kennedy at Romulus (Fri., Oct. 11, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Edsel Ford (Fri., Oct. 18, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Southgate (Fri., Oct. 25, 7 p.m.)

**JUNIOR VARSITY**

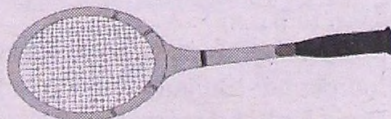
- Crestwood at Romulus (Thurs., Aug. 29, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti (Thurs., Sept. 5, 7 p.m.)
- River Rouge at Romulus (Thurs., Sept. 12, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Trenton (Thurs., Sept. 19, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Dearborn (Thurs., Sept. 26, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Lincoln Park (Thurs., Oct. 4, 6:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Kennedy (Thurs., Oct. 10, 7 p.m.)
- Edsel Ford at Romulus (Thurs., Oct. 17, 7 p.m.)
- Southgate at Romulus (Thurs., Oct. 24, 7 p.m.)

*Schedule subject to change***RHS Golf****VARSITY**

- River Rouge at Romulus (Wed., Aug. 28, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Wayne (Thurs., Aug. 29, 2:30 p.m.)
- Fordson at Romulus (Wed., Sept. 11, 4 p.m.)
- Annapolis at Romulus (Mon., Sept. 9, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Melvindale (Wed., Sept. 11, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Willow Run (Mon., Sept. 16, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at River Rouge (Wed., Sept. 18, 3 p.m.)
- Romulus at Fordson (Mon., Sept. 23, 3 p.m.)
- Romulus at Annapolis (Wed., Sept. 25, 4 p.m.)
- Melvindale at Romulus (Mon., Sept. 30, 4 p.m.)
- Willow Run at Romulus (Wed., Oct. 2, 4 p.m.)

*Schedule subject to change***RHS Girls' Tennis****VARSITY/JUNIOR VARSITY**

- Annapolis at Romulus (Mon., Aug. 26, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Allen Park (Wed., Aug. 28, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Jefferson (V) (Thurs., Aug. 29, 4 p.m.)
- Jefferson at Romulus (JV) (Thurs., Aug. 29, 4 p.m.)
- Southgate at Romulus (Wed., Sept. 4, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Robichaud (Thurs., Sept. 5, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Redford Union (Mon., Sept. 9, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Truman (Wed., Sept. 11, 4 p.m.)
- Airport at Romulus (JV) (Thurs., Sept. 12, 4 p.m.)
- **News-Herald Tournament at Romulus** (Sat., Sept. 14, 8 a.m.)
- Ypsilanti at Romulus (Mon., Sept. 16, 4 p.m.)
- Allen Park at Romulus (Wed., Sept. 18, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Annapolis (Fri., Sept. 20, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Southgate (Mon., Sept. 23, 4 p.m.)
- Redford Union at Romulus (Wed., Sept. 25, 4 p.m.)
- Jefferson at Romulus (V) (Thurs., Sept. 26, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Jefferson (JV) (Thurs., Sept. 26, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Garden City (Fri., Sept. 27, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Allen Park Tournament (JV) (Sat., Sept. 28, 9 a.m.)
- Truman at Romulus (Mon., Sept. 30, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti (Wed., Oct. 2, 4 p.m.)
- Robichaud at Romulus (Fri., Oct. 4, 4 p.m.)

*Schedule subject to change***RMS Football****7TH/8TH GRADE**

- Romulus at Pierce (Thurs., Sept. 19, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ecorse (Thurs., Sept. 26, 4 p.m.)
- Allen Park at Romulus (Wed., Oct. 2, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Melvindale (Thurs., Oct. 10, 3:45 p.m.)
- Inkster at Romulus (Wed., Oct. 16, 3:45 p.m.)
- River Rouge at Romulus (Wed., Oct. 23, 3:45 p.m.)

*Schedule subject to change***RHS Girls' Basketball****VARSITY/JUNIOR VARSITY**

- Lincoln Park at Romulus (Thurs., Aug. 29, 5:30 p.m.)
- Benedictine at Romulus (Tues., Sept. 3, 5:30 p.m.)
- Robichaud at Romulus (Thurs., Sept. 5, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville (Tues., Sept. 10, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Robichaud (Thurs., Sept. 12, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Wayne (Tues., Sept. 17, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Edsel Ford (Thurs., Sept. 19, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Allen Park (Thurs., Sept. 26, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Garden City (Tues., Oct. 1, 5:30 p.m.)
- Fordson at Romulus (Thurs., Oct. 3, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Thurston (Tues., Oct. 8, 5:30 p.m.)
- Redford Union at Romulus (Thurs., Oct. 10, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Highland Park (Tues., Oct. 15, 5:30 p.m.)
- Willow Run at Romulus (Thurs., Oct. 17, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Kennedy (Tues., Oct. 22, 5:30 p.m.)
- Allen Park at Romulus (Thurs., Oct. 24, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Fordson (Tues., Oct. 29, 5:30 p.m.)
- Thurston at Romulus (Thurs., Oct. 31, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Redford Union (Tues., Nov. 5, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Willow Run (Tues., Nov. 12, 5:30 p.m.)
- Kennedy at Romulus (Thurs., Nov. 14, 5:30 p.m.)

*Schedule subject to change***RMS Girls' Basketball****7TH/8TH GRADE**

- Romulus at West (Mon., Sept. 16, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti East (Mon., Sept. 23, 3:45 p.m.)
- Willow Run at Romulus (Wed., Sept. 25, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Brake (Mon., Sept. 30, 3:45 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti West at Romulus (Wed., Oct. 2, 3:45 p.m.)
- Hoover at Romulus (Mon., Oct. 7, 3:45 p.m.)
- West at Romulus (Wed., Oct. 9, 3:45 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti East at Romulus (Wed., Oct. 16, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Willow Run (Mon., Oct. 21, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti West (Wed., Oct. 23, 3:45 p.m.)

*Schedule subject to change***RHS Cross-Country****VARSITY**

- Romulus at John Glenn (Tues., Aug. 27, 4 p.m., at Central City Park)
- Romulus Jamboree (Boys) (Thurs., Sept. 12, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Crestwood (Girls) (Thurs., Sept. 12, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Huron Invitational (Sat., Sept. 14, 8:30 a.m., at Willow Metro Park)
- Romulus at Crestwood Jamboree (Thurs., Sept. 26, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Gabriel Richard Run (Sat., Oct. 12, 4 p.m., at Hudson Mills Metro Park)
- Romulus at Truman Jamboree (Thurs., Oct. 17, 4 p.m.)

*Jamborees include Allen Park, Crestwood, Lincoln Park, Redford Union, and Truman*  
*Schedule subject to change*

**RHS Boys' Soccer****VARSITY**

- River Rouge at Romulus (Wed., Sept. 11, 4:30 p.m.)
- Carlson at Romulus (Wed., Sept. 18, 4:30 p.m.)
- Allen Park at Romulus (Mon., Sept. 23, 4:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Lincoln Park (Wed., Sept. 25, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Truman (Mon., Sept. 30, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at River Rouge (Wed., Oct. 2, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Carlson (Mon., Oct. 7, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Allen Park (Wed., Oct. 9, 4 p.m.)
- Lincoln Park at Romulus (Mon., Oct. 14, 4:30 p.m.)
- Truman at Romulus (Wed., Oct. 16, 4:30 p.m.)

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## RHS Marching Band



Henry James (right), Director of the Romulus High School Marching Band, got the Marching Eagles' first rehearsal off to a fast start. Last year, he led the Symphony Band to its fifth State Festival first-division rating.



Tuba players (from left) Jonathan Wilkerson, Christina Plank, Flenora Peacher, and Alan Hughley provided plenty of bass line for the Marching Eagles.



(From left) Marching Eagles band members Diana Thompson, Jessica Fox, and Samantha Arnett-Buscher are all smiles as they get ready to practice a "Big Bad Voodoo Daddy" selection.



## Summer Workshops



Among the many workshops attended by Romulus Community Schools teachers this summer to prepare for the 2002-2003 school year was a two-day program, taught by Dr. Mark Jenness of Western Michigan University, on mentoring young teachers and evaluating the effectiveness of their instruction.



A session on reading, led by K-6 Language Arts Specialist Barb Jaszcz (back; second from right), was attended by (from left): front row - Heather Doane (Merriman), Cathy Kudra (Halecreek), and Kara Pluff (Cory); back row - Diane Zimkiewicz (Barth), Susan Hartman (Cory), David Pelc (Halecreek), Barbara Knight (Merriman), Kristin Ritchie (Wick), Kelly Jankowski (Wick), and Sylvia Laboda (Barth).



Stephen Best, Director of Professional Development and Interactive Computing in Education at the University of Michigan, presented a workshop on interactive Web sites for science instruction. Pictured with him are Molly McGlynn (second from left), her daughter and prospective teacher Jamie (left), and Cory Elementary School Principal Phyllis Adkins.

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### REGULAR MEETING, JULY 22, 2002

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, July 22, 2002, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Billy McCraight.

Roll call showed Board members Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Celeste Roscoe, Michael Woods, April Frayer, Betty Lenossi, and Billy McCraight present. Member Cheryle Buckley excused. Administrators Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, and Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, were present. Mr. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations, and Mr. Thomas Dolan, Director of Curriculum, were excused.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President McCraight.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

7/02/22 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Frayer to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

7/02/23 Moved by Woods supported by Frayer that the Board approve the Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of July 8, 2002, and the Regular Meeting of July 8, 2002, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

##### Personnel Actions

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

EMPLOYMENT: Amber Ackerman, Speech Therapist, Middle School/High School, Effective August 26, 2002; Stefanie Carpenter, At-risk Teacher, High School, Effective August 26, 2002; Lee Haselschwerdt, Fourth-grade Teacher, Wick Elementary, Effective August 26, 2002; and Amanda Napolitano, Fifth-grade Teacher, Barth Elementary, Effective August 26, 2002.

7/02/24 Moved by Woods supported by Roscoe to approve the employment of personnel as presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### New Rates for Nonunion Hourly Staff

7/02/25 Moved by Frayer supported by Lenossi that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Director of Human Resources to approve an increase of three percent (3%) for nonunion hourly staff for the 2002-2003 school year. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Settlement Agreement

7/02/26 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Lenossi to approve settlement agreement as attached. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Initiative Schedule

Superintendent Joel R. Carr discussed initiatives and schedule for discussion at August 12, 2002 Board meeting.

##### New Teacher Orientation - Luncheon - August 12, 2002

Superintendent Joel R. Carr apprised the Board about the New Teacher Orientation and Luncheon scheduled for August 12, 2002.

##### Schedule of Board Presentations

The administration presented the Board with a Schedule of Board Presentations for the 2002-2003 school year.

##### Board and Staff Travel - Discussion

Superintendent Joel R. Carr and the Board discussed limitation of out-of-state travel for staff and the Board of Education for the 2002-2003 school year.

##### State Financial Picture - Discussion

Superintendent Joel R. Carr updated the Board of Education with regard to the state's financial status for education for the 2002-2003 school year.

##### Insurance Update - Discussion

Superintendent Joel R. Carr updated the Board of Education with regard to insurance and increasing costs.

##### Communications and Expressions from the Public

There were no communications and expressions from the public.

##### Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: (1) Reading Express Newsletter; (2) Reading Express - A Celebration of Authors; (3) Thank You - Ed Clark; (4) MASB - Information Letter.

##### QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Betty Lenossi remarked that the bushes look great.

Mr. Michael Woods suggested that Board meetings for 2002-2003 be scheduled throughout the district at various schools.

##### ADJOURNMENT:

7/02/27 Moved by Frayer supporter by Lenossi to adjourn. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryle Buckley, Secretary  
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## Community Calendar

- **Softball Registration** – The City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation is now accepting registrations for its Men's Sunday and Co-ed Thursday softball leagues. The men's league – which will feature at least 16 games – is set to begin play on September 8; cost is \$450 per team. The co-ed league – also featuring a minimum of 16 games – will begin play on September 5; cost is \$375 per team. Deadline for registration is Thursday, August 29. Call Program Coordinator Kristin Irwin at 734-942-6852.
- **Immunization Clinic at RHCFCRC** – The REACH/Meridian Collective and the Senior Alliance are inviting local residents to attend their back-to-school extravaganza, which will feature free immunizations administered by the Oakwood Healthcare group. The event will be held at the Romulus Housing Commission Family Resource Center (6094 Second Street) on Thursday, August 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Note: Be sure to bring your child's current immunization records.)
- **Free Rose-growing Seminars** – Great Lakes Roses (located at 49875 Willow Road between Rawsonville and Sumpter/Belleville roads in Sumpter Township) invites the public to attend one or more of the following free workshops: **Enjoying Roses in the Home** (Sunday, September 1, at 1 p.m., or Monday, September 2, at 11 a.m.) and **Fall Rose Planting** (Sunday, September 8, at 1 p.m., or Monday, September 9, at 11 a.m.). Participants are urged to dress for the weather! No reservation is necessary. For more information, call 734-461-1230 or visit the Great Lakes Roses Web site ([www.GreatLakesRoses.com](http://www.GreatLakesRoses.com)).
- **Little League Membership Meeting** – The Romulus Little League organization will hold its annual membership meeting at the Romulus Recreation Center (36515 Bibbins, downtown) at 6 p.m. on Friday, September 6, to give members in good standing (must have previously obtained a membership card) an opportunity to elect this year's Board of Directors. All positions are up for re-election.
- **Romulus Day at EMU** – Adults can purchase tickets to attend Eastern Michigan University's second annual Romulus Day program/football game on Saturday, September 7, by calling Antony Bailey of the EMU Sports Marketing Department (734-657-1708). Tickets will also be available at the gate on game day; anyone wearing apparel with a Romulus emblem will receive 50% off the normal ticket price (\$5 for adults/\$3 for kids under 12). Adults wishing to travel in groups can board the bus which will depart from the Romulus City Hall parking lot at 4 p.m. Kickoff time is 6 p.m.
- **Immunization Clinics at RAHC** – Romulus Community Schools nurse Laura Ralko is reminding district parents that sixth-graders will be required to have their health records reassessed and could require additional vaccinations in order to meet the stringent new Michigan Department of Health regulations. To help parents comply with this and other immunization requirements, the district is scheduling a number of clinics at the Romulus Adolescent Health Center, located in Romulus High School. The clinics will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on the following dates: Wednesday, September 11; Wednesday, October 23; and Thursday, October 24. Note: this year's district-wide "exclusion date" is October 23.
- **"African American Experience" Book Discussion Group** – The African American Experience Book Discussion Group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month (next meeting: September 18) at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road, next to City Hall). New members are always welcome. For more information about the club or its reading list, call Alfaye Woods or Diane Hazen at the Library (734-942-7589) during its hours (before Labor Day – Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday from 12 to 5 p.m.; after Labor Day – Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 12 to 5 p.m.).
- **Saturday in the Park** – Wayne County's "Saturday in the Park" program – which will continue from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each Saturday through September 28 – features the weekly closing of six miles of Hines Park's Hines Drive (from the Warrendale picnic area west of Outer Drive to the Nankin Mills area east of Ann Arbor Trail) to allow people of all ages to run, walk, skate, and cycle safely. For more information, call 734-261-1990.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 734-992-2052; or call 734-941-1907

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## Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Melissa Morton, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 734-942-6852.)

### Senior Day at the State Fair

Join other Romulus seniors on Monday, August 26, to attend the Michigan State Fair's Senior Day program, which will feature live entertainment, exhibits, contests (oldest man/woman, most grandchildren, baldest head/prettiest hat, etc.), and free refreshments. Cost is \$1.50 for seniors (for transportation); \$10.50 for nonseniors (for transportation plus gate admission).

Sign up at the Center.

### Detroit Zoo

The Romulus Senior Center is planning a trip to the Detroit Zoo on Friday, August 30, beginning at 9 a.m. A cost of \$9 for seniors 62 and over (\$11 for all others) covers transportation, parking, and admission. (Extras such as food and riding the railroad are not included.)

Sign up now if you would like to take part in this trip.

### New York, New York

The Center is inviting local seniors to attend a performance of *New York, New York* at the Novi Theater on Thursday, September 12. A cost of \$20 includes transportation (departing from the Center at 10 a.m.), a nice lunch, and admission to the show.

Seats are limited, so early sign-up is strongly recommended.

### Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman.

- **Shipshewana** (September 3; \$49);
- **"My Fair Lady"** (October 29; \$89);
- **Point Edward Casino** (November 7; \$15);
- **MGM** (November 14; \$15); and
- **Las Vegas** (November 18-22; \$579).

### Weekly Programs

Besides the many special activities offered at the Romulus Senior Center, a number of regularly scheduled free or low-cost programs are also open to local senior citizens.

They include:

- Club #1 (Tuesdays, 11 a.m.),
- bunto (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
- bingo (Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
- "fun night" (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.),
- pinochle (Thursdays, 12:30 p.m.), and
- quilting (Thursdays, 7 p.m.).

### Bocce Ball

A few spaces remain for seniors who are interested in playing bocce ball on Mondays at 8:30 a.m. in the Romulus Senior Center's Senior Park. Call for more information.

### Fall Bowling Meeting

Anyone interested in joining the Senior Bowling League should attend a meeting to be held at the Center at 9:30 a.m. on September 3. New faces are welcome.

### Walk for Fun and Exercise

The Romulus Senior Center has organized a temporary walking club that meets three days per week (Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays) at 9 a.m. Walkers' distances are recorded each day, and those reaching various milestones (5, 25, 50, 75, and 100) are honored. Note: Days and times may vary due to schedule conflicts, etc.

### Corporate Massage

Just a reminder that Laura Singleton is back at the Center, certification in hand, to perform "corporate massages" each Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Appointments are required.

### Haircuts

The Romulus Senior Center's next haircut date is set for Monday, August 26, beginning at 9 a.m. If you would like to take advantage of this affordable (\$5) program, call the Center to make an appointment.

Note: Haircut clients are asked to wash their hair before coming to their appointment, as the Center does not have the necessary facilities.

### TeleCare Program Available

The Romulus Senior Center's TeleCare program provides seniors with daily phone reassurance at no cost. To learn more, call the Center's friendly staff.

### Computers, Internet Service Available

Just a reminder that seniors who need access to a computer to learn or practice new skills may use the computers at the Romulus Senior Center, free of charge. Internet service is also available. Appointments are strongly advised.

### Chore Service

Are you in need of yard work and/or minor home repairs?

If so, call the Romulus Senior Center and find out if you qualify for a free chore-service program. □

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## Wedding Bells

### Tim and Bonnie (Rahl) Jury

Doris Keeton (Lansing, MI) is proud to announce the wedding of her daughter, Bonnie Marie Rahl (Big Rapids, MI), to Timothy William Jury (Romulus, MI).

The couple – who became engaged on June 12, 2002 – were married at Stearns Municipal Beach (Ludington, MI) on Monday, August 5, 2002.

Standing up with the groom were Timothy W. Jury, Jr., and Justin A. Jury.

A reception, held at Jamesport Brew Pub (Ludington), immediately followed the ceremony.

### Dale and Donna (Rich) Schelske

Chester and Wilma Purks (Bay City, MI), are proud to announce the wedding of their daughter, Donna L. Rich (Romulus, MI), to Dale W. Schelske (Romulus).

The couple exchanged their vows at St. Luke's United Methodist Church (Bay City) on Saturday, July 27, 2002.

Best man to the groom was his friend, Woody Wingeier. The bride was attended by her niece, Jennifer Rich.

A reception, held at Linden-Hof Restaurant (Bay City), immediately followed the ceremony.

## The Stork Arrived

### Mackennon Andrew Dolencic

John and Stacie Dolencic of New Boston, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their new son, Mackennon Andrew Dolencic.

Mackennon was born in Oakwood Annapolis Hospital (Wayne, MI) at 4:04 p.m. on Thursday, May 16, 2002, weighing in at 8 pounds, 2 ounces, and measuring 21 inches in length.

Especially excited about the new arrival was big brother Johnathan Treavor Dolencic, age 2½.

Also giving Mackennon a warm welcome into his new family were his paternal grandfather, John Dolencic, and his maternal grandparents, Darryl and Sharon Zilka (all of Romulus, MI).



Mackennon Andrew Dolencic

### Connor Marshall McCraight

Proudly announcing the birth of their new son, Connor Marshall McCraight, are Marshall and Nicole McCraight of Romulus, Michigan.

Connor was born in Oakwood Annapolis Hospital (Wayne, MI) at 4:11 p.m. on Thursday, July 11, 2002, weighing in at 9 pounds, 1 ounce, and measuring 21½ inches in length.

Among those giving the new arrival an especially warm welcome into the family were his paternal grandfather, Alex "Buck" McCraight, and his maternal grandparents, Greg and Audrey Laskaska (all of Romulus). □



Connor Marshall McCraight

## Obituaries

### Carl Lee Hicks

Carl Lee Hicks of Romulus, Michigan, died on Wednesday, August 7, 2002.

The 38-year-old was born on February 20, 1964.

Surviving Carl are his wife Robin; 7 children (Ann, Jay, Mindy, Misty, Jeff, Melissa, and Dustin); 9 siblings (Emma, Dwane, and Blaine Hicks; Ron Campau;

and John, Jim, Jerry, Kathy, and Karen Morgan); and 8 grandchildren. His sister, Rosie Hicks, predeceased him.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, August 13, at Howe-Peterson Funeral Home (Taylor, MI).

Burial was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

### Evaristo "Chico" Marquez

Evaristo "Chico" Marquez of Romulus, Michigan, died on Friday, August 9, 2002. He was 76 years old.

Chico was born in Gurabo, Puerto Rico, on November 30, 1925. The Ford Motor Company (Wixom Plant) retiree enjoyed bowling and golfing.

Among those surviving Chico are his wife, Marolyn Marquez; 2 sons, Rafael Casto Deliz and Edwin Castro Deliz; 3 daughters, Rosalita Charlene Duncan,

Ramonita Castro Ortiz, and Carmelita Gail Marquez; a brother, Eugene Castro; a sister, Isabel Castro Malzomado; 13 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, August 13, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend Terrell Jackson officiating.

Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

### Louise R. Pratt

Louise R. Pratt of Romulus, Michigan, died on Tuesday, August 6, 2002, at the age of 68.

Born in Montell, Maryland, on April 17, 1934, the former owner/operator of the Uptown Hair Salon (1978–1995) was also a member of the VFW Auxiliary (Post #9568).

Louise is survived by her husband, Michael Pratt, Jr.; 3 sons, Craig W. (Westland, MI), Bradley G. (Lincoln Park, MI), and Brian C. Phillips (Romulus); 2 daughters, Mrs. Tammy (Jim) Cantrell (Romulus) and Mrs. Deborah L. (Robert) Watts

(Romulus); a brother, Gerald Phillips (Cresaptown, MD); a sister, Mrs. Peg Michaels (Cumberland, MD); 11 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren.

Among those predeceasing her were her brother Gilbert and her sister Judith Ann.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, August 10, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with the Reverend Michael Holton (Ball Road Tabernacle, Romulus) officiating.

Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery. □

## Wedding Bells

### James Jr. & Candice (Coak) McCluskey

Marvin and Cynthia Coak (Romulus, MI) are proud to announce the wedding of their daughter, Candice Lee Coak, to James H. McCluskey, Jr. (Lincoln Park, MI), son of James and Connie McCluskey (Flat Rock, MI).

The couple – who became engaged on June 9, 2002 – were married on Saturday, July 20, 2002, at Laurel Chapel (Livonia, MI). Standing up with the groom was his best man, John O'Neal. The bride was attended by matron of honor Faith Ingraham.

A large reception was held at Romulus Progressive Hall, where nearly 250 people were present to celebrate this joyous new beginning.

The McCluskey family – James, Candice, and daughter Melanie Marie Coak – now reside in Dearborn Heights, Michigan. □



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